

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 2, 3, 5-9 and 13-19 are allowed.
  2. Regarding claim 2, the prior art does not teach or make obvious the use of
    - a second undoped fibre core separated from the first fibre core by cladding material of the optical fibre wherein the second fibre core is selectively optically coupled to each of the at least one lasing volumes of each of the at least one fibre laser in the first fibre core such that in use pump light from a pump source can propagate down the second fibre core and be selectively coupled into the at least one fibre laser lasing volume
- within the context of claim 2 taken as a whole.

### ***Conclusion***

3. The prior art which is cited but not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ari M. Diacou whose telephone number is (571) 272-5591. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith can be reached on (571) 272-6878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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